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The Under Secretary for International Trade

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Honorable William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I believe that the diversion of Western technology to the Soviet Union and to other potentially hostile governments must be made a matter of urgent attention by this Administration. The magnitude of the problem and the serious threat it poses to our national security persuades me that, among other things, we should enlist the support of the private sector and obtain better cooperation from our allies. This is essential if we are to make real progress towards stopping what can fairly be described as a 10-year hemorrhage.

The support of the intelligence community is necessary in at least two respects:

- 1. It is capable of providing unique information as to plans and activities of those who engage in industrial espionage; and,
- 2. It can determine what information can properly be released to the public.

We are developing ideas which may help you shape the targeting of intelligence resources. Internally, we are planning to engage allied support for tighter control of the licensing process and we are immediately expanding our own Export Licensing Division to include a new "Office of Compliance" in San Francisco. But in addition to these measures, I believe that an important part of our efforts should be sharing information about this threat with the American industrial and scientific communities and with foreign trade officials in friendly governments.

What this contemplates is a concerted and sustained publicity campaign involving press releases and speeches as well as private meetings with industrial and scientific leaders. The International Trade Administration can and should play a leading role: for example, there are many opportunities each week where we meet with or speak before groups in the U.S. and abroad which could probably be made as concerned as we are with this threat and would be willing to do something about it -- if properly informed.

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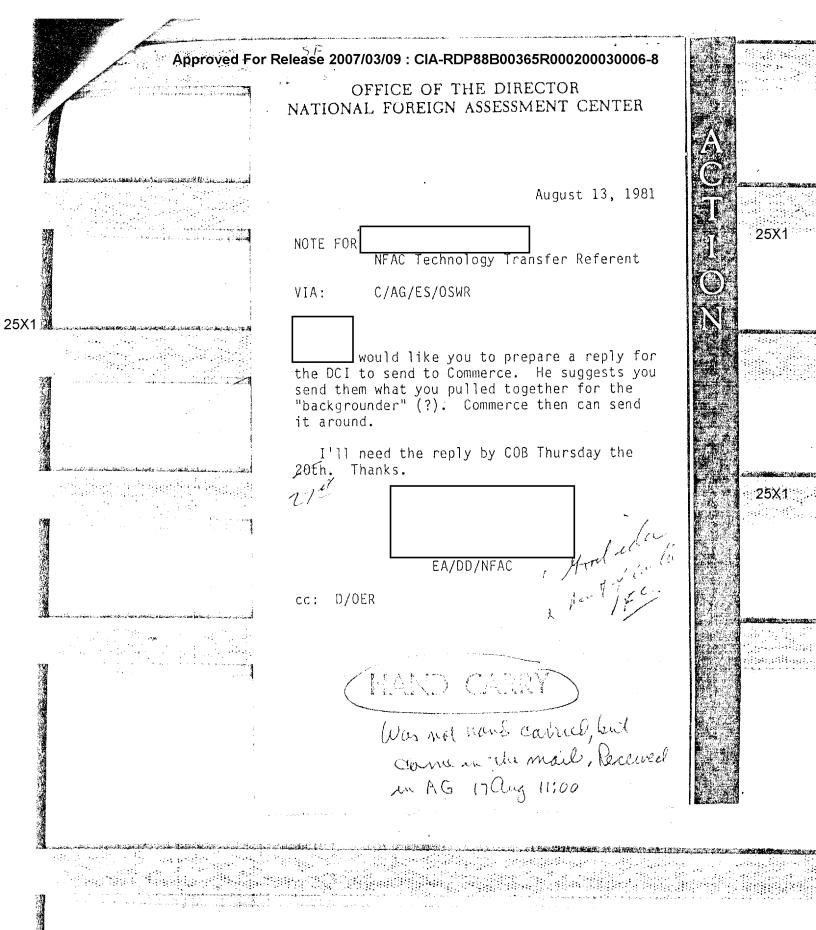
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